



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB 97-195-P)

In re the Application of:)
Burg et al.)
Application No: 09/901,181)
Filed: July 9, 2001)
For: Improved Nucleic Acid Assays)
Group Art Unit: 1637
Examiner: Kim
Conf. No.: 6516

RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005, in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time. A check is enclosed for one hundred twenty dollars (\$120). If an additional fee is due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.